

# Minutes

## **Lansing Historic District Commission 5:30-7:00 p.m. Monday, June 9, 2014 Planning and Neighborhood Development Conference Room 316 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing MI 48933**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Winans opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.
  - A. Introductions and Roll Call:  
  
Present: Gretchen Cochran, Phil Mondro, Cassandra Nelson, Carol Skillings, Curtis Sonnenberg, Nathalie Winans  
  
Absent: Tom Truscott, Kara Wood  
  
Also present: Robert O. Christensen, of the State Historic Preservation Office.  
  
Staff Present: Bill Rieske
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – It was moved by Ms. Skillings, seconded by Ms. Cochran, and CARRIED unanimously, to approve the agenda as printed.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.
4. STAFF COMMENTS – None.
5. PRESENTATIONS – None.
6. HEARINGS (ADVERTISED) – None.
7. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – May 21, 2014. It was moved by Mr. Mondro, seconded by Ms. Skillings, and CARRIED unanimously to approve the May 21 minutes as corrected.
8. COMMUNICATIONS – None.
9. DISCUSSION/ACTION
  - A. Preservation strategies for Genesee neighborhood.  
  
Bob Christensen summarized the discussed the pros and cons of both local and National Register designations. A discussion ensued about both approaches for the Genesee neighborhood and the old Capitol Historic District proposal. The discussion also included preservation proposals for Eastern and Sexton High Schools. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.
  - B. Discussion of Historic Preservation Conference  
Ms. Cochran reported on the MHPN conference she attended. A discussion ensued broad topics about advocacy, education, and regulation, the roles of various local preservation organizations, and the initiatives reported by other communities. She also updated the Commission on Preservation Lansing activities.
  - C. Updates:

- 106 Review Status – Mr. Rieske reported that the Memorandum of Agreement was signed and submitted to the SHPO for their signature. Upon receipt of the executed agreement, the City will send it to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for review.
  - Butler Corridor Coalition – No update.
  - Genesee Street School – Mr. Rieske reported that on June 3, the Planning Board recommended Tim Hunnicutt's application for rezoning application from "C" Residential District to "D-1" Professional Office District to permit the building to be used for office and multiple family residential purposes. He also reported on the subsequent construction of a greenhouse on the property in violation of the zoning ordinance.
  - Booklets/Brochures – No update.
  - Form Based Codes – No update.
10. Other Business – None.
- Mr. Rieske said that he would be on vacation the week prior to the July 14 HDC meeting. It was decided by consensus to cancel the July meeting.
11. PENDING ITEMS: FUTURE ACTION REQUIRED – None.
12. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS
- Ms. Winans suggested that the 2012-2013 strategic planning work be revisited at the next meeting.
13. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

***Next Regular Meeting: 5:30 p.m. Monday, August 11, 2014, in the PND Conference Room.***